

REMARKS

Claims 1-55 were originally in either or both of grandparent application, Ser. No. 09/105,018, filed June 26, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,330,561, issued December 11, 2001 or in Ser. No. 09/977,400 filed October 16, 2001, pending. Claims 1-13 and 41, 42 and 48-55 are canceled by this Preliminary Amendment. So, this continuation application (of continuation application Ser. No. 09/977, 400) is effectively filed with previously presented claims 14-40 and 43-47, some of which are currently amended to better define applicants' invention.

Examination and allowance of the claims now in the application is respectfully requested.

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